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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY NATIONAL STAGE FILING
UNDER 35 U.S.C 371

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application filed herewith as follows:

In The Claims

All of the claims, whether amended or not, are shown below for the
convenience of the Examiner.

1. A method of searching a database to find documents similar to a query
document, comprising:

decomposing the query document into elements of different data types;
for one or more of the elements in a first data type, conducting a first data
type similarity search to return match results from the database for the one or
more elements in the first data type;